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TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

Valuation of all the taxable property in the town of Lee, April 1, 1881,		$332,236 00
Whole amount of taxes assessed,		4,258 94
Appropriated as follows:—		
State tax,	$880 00	
County tax,	1,034 61	
School tax,	770 00	
Dog tax,	66 00	
Town tax,	909 01	
Highway tax,	599 32	
Amount of school money divided among the several districts,		910 50
Obtained from the following sources:—		
Amount assessed,	$770 00	
Literary fund,	57 72	
Apportionment of railroad tax,	65 28	
Balance of dog tax in Treasury,	17 50	
Divided as follows:—		
School District, No. 1,	$178 10	
School District, No. 2,	112 91	
School District, No. 3,	58 48	
School District, No. 4,	148 63	
School District, No. 5,	102 04	
School District, No. 6,	149 72	
School District, No. 7,	152 55	
Plains District, Newmarket,	7 07	

ABATEMENTS.

LIST OF 1880.

Elijah Hamilton,	$ 85
James C. Emerson,	25
Charles S. Brooks,	1 08
Moses E. Demerritt,	1 08
George W. Ellison,	2 72
John G. Mallard,	1 08
John G. Wilson,	1 08
Seth W. Woodman,	1 08

LIST OF 1881.

Charles D. Towle,	1 89
John W. Towle,	3 78
Annie Cartland,	6 44
George W. Norris,	4 04
Kate H. Davis,	1 26
Harvey B. Rollins,	1 26
Samuel S. Brown,	3 03
	$30 92

DAMAGE DONE BY DOGS.

Jefferson Sawyer,	$22 50
Nehemiah C. Snell,	8 00
James McDaniel,	8 00
Daniel Smith,	2 00
David S. Jenkins,	4 00
Alphonso Jones,	4 00
Davis Lang,	5 00
	$53 50

BOUNTIES ON WILD ANIMALS.

George H. Corson,	$ 60
Issachar Wiggin,	20
Harry F. Smith,	20
Joel L. Parks,	40
Frank H. Durgin,	20
Samuel I. Bennett,	20
William Cronie,	10
Charles A. Woodman,	80
Herbert G. Davis,	1 60

Joseph A. Knight,	20
Frank H. Durgin,	40
William H. Thompson,	40
	$5 30

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Susan Beckwith,	$ 6 42
Susan Beckwith,	21 07
Josiah Durgin,	2 00
Daniel Smith,	75
Francis A. Clay,	6 00
Davis Lang,	56 50
John P. Haley,	3 00
George W. Plumer,	9 12
John S. Jenkins,	1 00
John C. Bartlett,	1 50
John C. Bartlett,	1 75
John C. Bartlett,	3 00
	$112 11

GENERAL EXPENSES.

OLD BILLS.

Charles S. Otis,	$9 50
George W. Ellison,	6 00
Amos E. Piper,	8 00
Nathaniel G. Davis,	5 00
John S. Jenkins,	7 50
John C. Bartlett,	13 15

BILLS OF 1881.

John C. Bartlett,	63 87
John S. Jenkins,	52 00
John Bartlett,	56 50
David D. York,	38 75
B. Frank Davis,	26 00
Daniel E. Plummer,	40 00
Daniel E. Plummer,	20 00
Allen Plummer,	5 55
	$351 82

MISCELLANEOUS.

OLD BILLS.

Treadwell & Folsom.	$ 90
F. H. Pinkham.	12 00
Jeremiah Smith.	6 00
E. J. Lane & Co.,	80
Thomas J. Otis.	6 00
Mary A. Hoitt.	2 00

BILLS OF 1881

Sally H. Bartlett.	300 00
E. C. Eastman,	6 81
C. L. Jenness.	1 20
E. J. Lane & Co..	2 65
Daniel E. Plummer.	1 47
Allen Plummer.	13 94
Edward E. Dame.	50
Ira B. Hill.	5 15
	$359 42

BRIDGES.

Nehemiah C. Snell, 2 bridge stringers.	$21 00
Nehemiah C. Snell, 2 days' labor on bridge.	2 40
Israel Bartlett, 1319 feet bridge plank.	18 21
Israel Bartlett, 2378 feet bridge plank,	33 67
John C. Bartlett, drawing bridge plank,	2 00
Frank D. Randall, bridge stringers and labor.	5 00
Charles H. Allen, labor on bridge.	8 14
Frank Haley, labor on bridge,	2 50
Benjamin F. Lang, 652 feet bridge plank.	9 12
Benjamin F. Lang, 2 bridge stringers.	24 00
Benjamin F. Lang, 720 feet bridge plank.	10 08
Benjamin F. Lang, 1 1-2 days' labor on bridge.	1 80
George A. Caswell, 2 bridge stringers and labor.	12 30
Greenlief D. Durgin, 2 bridge stringers.	15 00
Greenlief D. Durgin, 926 feet bridge plank.	13 89
Greenlief D. Durgin, labor on bridge.	3 05
Josiah Durgin, labor on bridge.	4 50
	$185 66

HIGHWAYS.

Israel Demeritt, labor on road,	$56 88
John S. Jenkins, labor on road,	3 12
Albert B. Plummer, labor on road,	3 00
Josiah T. Sawyer, labor on road,	7 93
Isaac G. Sherburne, labor on road,	1 92
Edmund F. Laine, labor on road,	35 00
Isaac G. Sherburne, labor on road,	9 00
Daniel Furber, labor on road,	60
	$117 45

BREAKING ROADS.

BILLS OF WINTER OF 1880-81

John W. Hill,	$7 20
Isaiah D. Edgerly,	5 15
Isaiah D. Edgerly,	1 99
Elijah Hamilton,	1 08
James Glidden,	4 52
James Glidden,	1 50
Patrick Conner,	2 10
Daniel Pease,	66
John Behan,	96
John Bartlett,	5 64
Joseph D. Babb,	2 28
Joseph A. Knight,	2 62
John J. Randall,	3 18
Philip Chesley,	1 18
Greenlief D. Durgin,	1 12
Lucy A. Hoitt,	3 50
Edmund F. Laine,	9 00
Samuel P. Hoitt,	7 44
Isaac G. Sherburne,	2 10
John C. Harvey,	5 32
Israel S. Dame,	3 18
George P. James,	2 42
John Thompson,	3 50
Jefferson Sawyer,	3 66

WINTER OF 1881-82

John Bartlett,	3 36
James C. Emerson,	1 68
George W. Plummer,	6 21

George A. Caswell,	1 20
Thomas A. Bennett,	31 04
Leonard H. Wiggin,	1 26
George A. Caswell,	72
Joseph A. Knight,	25 38
John S. Jenkins,	9 57
Daniel Smith,	7 23
Joseph E. Jenkins,	8 94
Lewis I. Demeritt,	5 77
Thomas B. Chesley,	15 72
Charles E. Langley,	3 90
B. Frank Davis,	84
Charles H. Allen,	43 77
Frank D. Randall,	20 98
Burnham Buzzell,	5 00
Elijah Hamilton,	3 09
Jonathan Thompson,	12 60
Davis Lang,	6 72
Alphonso Jones,	13 73
John J. Noble,	5 08
B. Frank Ellison,	48
George W. Pinkham,	72
Alonzo E. Langmaid,	3 22
Hosea B. Snell,	4 74
Joseph G. Clay,	2 01
Albert M. Snell,	1 92
James M. Wiggin,	2 38
George D. Wiggin,	1 44
James M. Emerson,	2 55
Job Clay,	2 44
Edmund F. Laine,	12 00
Isaac G. Sherburne,	3 96
B. Frank Ellison,	1 32
George W. Pinkham,	1 16
Josiah T. Sawyer,	34 14
John Bartlett,	7 84
Samuel W. Layn,	5 64
Gilman Y. Durgin,	4 53

BILLS OF 1880-81

Thomas A. Bennett,	2 28
Patrick Conner,	2 64
Nathaniel G. Davis,	5 05

BILLS OF 1881-2.

Robert A. Thompson,	5 68
William A. Jenkins,	2 76
Israel S. Dame,	11 40
Greenlief D. Durgin,	18 24
	$168 88

INTEREST ON NOTES

George K. Huckins,	$26 00
Eleanor J. Plummer,	11 20
John P. Haley,	4 00
	$41 20

LIST OF OUTSTANDING NOTES, MARCH 1, 1882.

Fred B. York,	$100 00
George G. Bennett,	185 00
Eleanor J. Plummer,	280 00
William B. Tuttle,	200 00
Hannah S. Jenkins,	130 00
George Lang,	436 00
Bert P. Thompson,	170 00
George K. Huckins,	650 00
Elizabeth A. Davis,	286 00
David D. York,	575 00
John P. Haley,	100 00
Charles Manning,	60 00
Elizabeth E. J. Davis, heirs of,	170 00
Rhoda J. Davis,	100 00
Interest,	119 78
	$3,561 78

SCHOOLS

District No. 1,	$178 10
District No. 2,	112 91
District No. 3,	58 48
District No. 4,	148 63
District No. 5,	102 04
District No. 6,	149 72
District No. 7,	152 55
Plains District, Newmarket,	7 07
	$909 50

DR. TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

Rec'd of Treasurer of 1880,		$485 81
	Railroad tax,	120 86
	Savings Bank tax,	715 20
	Literary fund,	65 16
	Bounties on wild animals,	5 10
	County, for support of poor,	103 81
	I. D. Edgerly, in consideration for note,	194 42
	Israel Demeritt, endorsement on note,	56 88
	Fred Hatch, for old reports,	5 00
	Charles H. Laine, of list of 1879,	9 14
	Albert L. Comings, of list of 1880,	359 46
	Daniel E. Plummer, of list of 1881,	3,980 00
	For use of Town Hall,	14 00
		$6,114 84

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.		CR.
Whole amount received,		$6,114 84
State tax,	$880 00	
County tax,	1,034 61	
Schools,	909 50	
Abatements,	30 92	
Damage by dogs,	53 50	
Bounties on wild animals,	5 30	
Support of poor,	112 11	
General Expenses,	351 82	
Miscellaneous,	359 42	
Bridges,	185 94	
Highway, cash paid for repair of,	117 45	
Highways worked before Nov. 1, 1881,	513 20	
Breaking roads,	468 88	
Interest on notes,	41 20	
Balance in Treasury, March 1, 1882,	1,050 99	
		$6,114 84

Amount of debt by note and interest,		$3,561 78

ASSETS.

Israel Demeritt, note and interest,	$202 28	
Due from General Government,	739 00	
Due from Collector Comings,	5 79	
Due from Collector Plummer,	278 84	
Cash in Treasury,	1,050 99	
		2,276 90
Town debt, March 1, 1882,		$1,284 88

MARCH 1, 1882.

Settled the foregoing account as above stated,

D. D. YORK, *Treasurer.*

JOHN C. BARTLETT, JOHN S. JENKINS, JOHN BARTLETT, } *Selectmen of Lee.*

MARCH 1, 1882.

We, the undersigned, Auditors of the Town of Lee, have examined the foregoing account, and find it correctly cast, with corresponding vouchers.

FRED B. YORK, JOHN P. HALEY, } *Auditors.*

REPORT

OF THE

Superintending School Committee,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1882.

DISTRICT NO. 1.—*Lane.*

Summer Term, 10 weeks; number of scholars, 18; average, 16; wages per month, including board, $21.

Winter Term, 15 weeks; number of scholars, 33; average, 25; wages per month, including board, $28; Miss Edna A. Hobbs, of South Newmarket, teacher. We visited Miss Hobbs' school several times during the year. It always appeared quiet and orderly. At the commencement of the Fall term, there were too many classes for the interest of the school. Several of the classes in Arithmetic and Grammar were united, to give more time for each recitation. The results were good.

DISTRICT NO. 2.—*Hale.*

Summer Term, Miss Lauretta Langley teacher. The school was quiet and orderly, at the commencement Miss Langley seemed to be endeavoring to make her school a success, but as we were not informed of its close we cannot judge, but trust it was a profitable term.

Winter Term, 13 2-5 weeks; number of scholars, 12; average, 10 1-3; wages not given in register; Ernest Comings, teacher. This was Mr. Comings' first attempt at teaching. Stormy weather prevented us from examining his school at its close. From the reports we heard of his school, and from what we know of him as a scholar, his school was a success.

DISTRICT NO. 3.—*Wednesday Hill.*

Length of term, 10 3-10 weeks; number of scholars, 13; average, 12; wages per month, including board, $22; Miss Bertha J. Hobbs, of South Newmarket, teacher. As we were not informed of the close of the school, until it had finished, we can only speak of it as it appeared at our first visit, which was quite satisfactory.

DISTRICT NO. 4.—*Hill.*

Summer Term, 7 1-10 weeks; number of scholars, 16; average, 12; wages, including board, $20; Miss Fannie M. Harvey, teacher. This was her first attempt at teaching. At the commencement of the school we heard of some dissatisfaction, which soon subsided. This speaks well for the teacher. The school appeared well, while we were present, the scholars were orderly and studious.

Winter Term, 11 6-10 weeks; number of scholars, 18; average, 17; wages per month, including board, $28; Mrs. Millie C. Plummer, teacher. The district was very fortunate in securing Mrs. Plummer's services. She fully sustained the excellent reputation which she has formerly had, and her school was a decided success.

DISTRICT NO. 5.—*Hook.*

Summer Term, 7 weeks; number of scholars, 15; average, 11; wages, including board, $22.

Winter Term, 9 5-10 weeks; number of scholars, 16; average, 15; wages per month, including board, $25; Miss Emma Bartlett taught both terms. She had taught several schools previous to this. Her method of teaching Arithmetic we liked very much. She had the respect of her scholars; which enabled her to devote all her time to teaching; which always produces good results.

DISTRICT NO. 6.—*Wadley's Falls.*

Summer Term taught by Miss Jennie Cartland. We found the school quiet, and most of the scholars studious. Having taught the school two terms previous it gave her the advantage needed.

Winter Term, 12 weeks; number of scholars, 27; wages per month, $30; Mrs. Ella J. Trickey, teacher. She had taught several terms previous to her engagement in this district. She seemed to be governing her school quite easily at the commencement. On account of sickness the school was finished by Mr. Trickey. We visited the school near its close, but found only a few pupils present; those who had tried to learn had made good progress during the year. We heard Mrs. Trickey well spoken of by the parents.

DISTRICT NO. 7.—*Lang.*

Summer Term, 8 weeks; number of scholars, 14; average, 11; wages, including board, $30; Miss Sarah Ada Phillips of Wolfeborough, teacher. She came very highly recommended. At our first visit we found the teacher active, and the scholars orderly and studious. Perhaps she was a little eccentric, and a little more discretion outside of the school-room would have made it a little pleasanter for her during the latter part of the term. We believe that she labored sincerely and faithfully for the advancement of her school. The pupils studied well.

Winter Term, 9 weeks; number of scholars, 17; average, 16; wages, including board, $30; Miss Abbie Elver, teacher. Miss Elver gave good satisfaction. She gave the scholars a special study in the Geography of our own State, which we think is an excellent idea.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Roll of Honor, including those who have been present every half day of a term, as reported on the Registers.

Clara Abbott, Arthur Sherburne, S. Woodie Sherburne, Charles Woodman, Nellie F. Jenkins, Grace L. Jenkins, George E. Otis, Susie E. Buzzel, Ethel J. Davis, Francena M. Jones, Nettie E. Plummer, Sadie E. Ryan, Harry H. Plummer, William H. Thompson, Herbert C. Plummer, Grace Bartlett, Josiah Bartlett, Ellen T. Kendall, Mary A. York, Nellie Glidden, Albert Durell, Stella Caswell, Susie Lang, Addie Lang, Edna Lang, Bertha Lang, George Lang, Olie Tuttle, Everett Dalton, Ellery D. Jenkins.

In discharge of the duty devolving upon us, as your committee, we present you our annual report.

The school year now drawing to a close has been a very quiet one, and has been made so by the careful selection of teachers by the Prudential Committee. The teachers have been faithful in the discharge of their duties; they have shown great skill in teaching, and good judgment in the discipline of their respective schools generally. The harmony and quiet of the schools during the past year, (however it may seem to those who judge by the attendant jar and jostle,) is an indication of a profitable one to the scholars. In some the number of classes have been reduced, and a regular system of black-board work in mathematics introduced, which has produced very satisfactory results. Only one school in town has a proper supply of black-boards, the others are all too small, and are not in suitable condition to use. We think in no way can the work in the school-room be better facilitated than by the immediate enlargement and refitting of the black-boards. In black-board work the pupil not only has very

much better facilities for his mathematics, but at the *same* time is applying his grammar in the explanations which he should be required to give in correct language by the teacher. If a scholar learns to use correct language, he will naturally use it, as he will invariably use that in common conversation which he has become addicted to however well he may be versed in the rules of Grammar. The black-board is needed during the whole school session.

Some of the teachers have given considerable attention to the mental Arithmetic, which precedes the written in each of the rules through each of the text books now in use in Arithmetics. The mental is intended to be used as an introduction to the written, to help the scholar to apply his reasoning powers to the solution of the more difficult written problems. We find more or less scholars in all the schools who rely too much on the teacher to help them on difficult problems. Very much of this difficulty results from a lack of thoroughness and from a lack of energy in the pupil. The scholar should never give up to a problem, if he can possibly solve it.

We as yet find but very few scholars attending to History. It would be very much better for them if they would study it instead of the National Arithmetic. The Complete furnishes all the mathematics necessary, and really gives the student a better fit for a business life than the National Arithmetic. We do not object to pupils studying it, provided they have completed those studies that should be in a grade including the complete, but the study of the National Arithmetic to the exclusion of History, Physiology, Philosophy and Physical Geography we believe is not applying time to the best advantage, especially if the scholar intends to continue his studies at a higher school.

It was requested of the teachers, during the past two years, that they would give as much attention to writing as possible. The result has been all that we could wish: nearly all the scholars attending to it.

It would be an excellent idea for the pupils to get a catalogue of some Academy if they intend to study anything more than Arithmetic, Grammar and Geography. By doing this they can regulate their studies so that when they wish to attend a high school they can enter the regular classes, which will save them much time.

With these suggestions we close our annual report.

B. F. DAVIS, *Supt. School Committee.*